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SUBJECT: FORD DEALERSHIP IN QATAR

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1. PROMINENT, WELL MANAGED LOCAL COMPANY, GULF GROUP, HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING APPROPRIATE FORD OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP FOR QATAR. COMPANY HAS EXCELLENT REPUTATION AND IS CONTROLLED BY SEVERAL LEADING MEMBERS OF RULING FAMILY. MANAGING DIRECTOR IS PREPARED TO FLY TO US FOR DISCUSSIONS.

2. WHILE WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT BACKING ANY OF THE CONTENDERS IN THE LOCAL FORD SWEEPSTAKES, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN SEEING THAT THIS COMPANY AND OTHER QUALIFIED FIRMS MAKE CONTACT WITH RIGHT PEOPLE IN FORD ORGANIZATION. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, REF (A) ADVISED THAT FORD OF EUROPE HEAD OFFICE IN ATHENS WAS APPROPRIATE POINT OF CONTACT FOR LOCAL FIRMS WISHING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING FORD AGENCY. IS THIS STILL CASE OR SHOULD COMPANIES TALK TO SOMEONE IN US OFFICE OF FORD? PLEASE ADVISE.

3. THIS INCREASED INTEREST IN FORD BASED ON LOCAL RUMOR THAT
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COMPANY'S REMOVAL FROM BOYCOTT LIST IS NOW IMMINENT. WOULD

APPRECIATE ANY INFO AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES ON SUBJECT.

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